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the interior gave the following instructions to the "Bezirks" police headquarters: 25X1

- a. All available siren installations are to be repaired. Warning installations which have been removed must be replaced.
- b. Air-raid and fire warning installations in all important enterprises must be checked and, if necessary, improved.
- c. All communities with more than 10,000 inhabitants are to organize a fire-fighting detail for emergency cases (Katastrophenloeschzug), a construction detail, and a special technical detail which will be attached to the existing fire departments. Two special technical details must be organized in towns with more than 50,000 inhabitants and at least 3 special technical details in larger towns.

The fire-fighting details for cases of emergency are to be supplied with the best motor vehicles and equipment, and manned by experienced personnel. All new vehicles and equipment will be exclusively assigned to these details for the time being. The construction details which are also fully mechanized are to be supplied with engineer equipment. They are to be charged with all types of blasting operations, clearing and salvaging work, and emergency work designed to maintain the buildings etc. Personnel will be selected from qualified members of the fire departments. The special technical details are to be trained as follows: which will include only specially trained volunteers.

The VP headquarters have to report the execution of the order by 1 October 1955.

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In April 1954, Lieutenant General Hoffman ordered the organization of a special staff charged with air-raid precautionary measures for the civilian sector. Major General Mayer, chief of the Construction Department, was charged with the organization of this staff. Dipl. Ing. Gresius (fnu), a civilian, who had for a long time been in charge of the construction staff or pl...

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The VP headquarters have to report the execution of the order by 3 October 1955.

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In April 1954, Lieutenant General Hoffman ordered the organization of a special staff charged with air-raid precautionary measures for the KVP and the civilian sector. Major General Mayer, chief of the Construction and Billeting Department, was charged with the organization of this staff. **The chief of staff is** Dipl. Ing. Grosius (fnu), a civilian, who had formerly been employed in the 25X1 construction staff or planning group of the Ruegenhafen (Harbor) **Project.**

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